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PATENT 5266-03001/OTV-0033

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: 2613 § Pierre et al. Examiner: Unknown § Serial No. 09/662,949 § Atty. Dkt. No. 5266-03001 § § Filed: September 15, 2000 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being § deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR § Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date indicated § RECORDING PUSHED DATA below: § § § § § INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RECEIVED MAY 2 9 2001 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 **Technology Center 2600** Sir: Applicant requests consideration of X the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or \square the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a a. continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §

b. after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

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	c.	after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.
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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:
4.	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:	
		reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
		reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
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		reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or
		reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
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8. Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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